

BOOK NOTICES/BOOKS RECEIVED

Timber Press book on Lavender

TIM UPSON and SUSYN ANDREWS. 2004. **The Genus *Lavandula***. (ISBN 0-88192-642-6, hbk.) Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, mail@timberpress.com, 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$49.95, 442 pp., 30 color plates by Georita Harriott, Christabel King, and Joanna Langhorne), 4 b/w photos, 126 color photos, 28 maps, 41 line drawings, 12 tables, 7 3/8" × 9 5/8".

According to the authors, "**The Genus *Lavandula*** is the most comprehensive and authoritative account of lavenders to be published to date." After spending some time thumbing through it, I am inclined to agree. Besides describing some 39 species and their hybrids, it encompasses the taxonomy, distribution, history and cultivation, with additional chapters on propagation, products, chemistry, essential oils, and pests and diseases, in a relatively small book. Besides making a lovely coffee table book, it is incredibly useful when identifying species, with the 31 full page color paintings, 45 line drawings and numerous maps. A part of the book that I found unique was the 50 page chapter on the History of Lavender Cultivation; an A-Z listing of all the people, places and companies involved in the world of Lavender. Among the nine appendices, some that I found to be useful were a highly detailed one on how to photograph lavender, giving advice on lighting, camera, film and backgrounds; Plant Breeders' Rights and Plant Patents; and National Collections and Nurseries, which lists up-to-date information including, telephone and email addresses. With all that's included in this book, I think it is well worth the \$49.95 (U.S.) it costs.—*Asha McElfish, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102-4060, U.S.A.*

Editor's note.—Appendix 1 list new taxa and combinations of which there are 18 including two new species (*Lavandula samhanensis* and *Lavandula qishnensis*).